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3. A jointure granted to a wife.
Stephon sigh'd so loud and strong,
He blew a *settlement* along;
And bravely drove his rivals down
With coach and six, and house in town. *Swift.*
4. Subfidence; dregs.
Fullers earth left a thick *settlement*. *Martimer's Husbandry.*
5. Act of quitting a roving for a domestic and methodical life.
Every man living has a design in his head upon wealth,
power, or *settlement* in the world. *L'Estrange.*
6. A colony; a place where a colony is established.
SE'WAL. *n. f.* An herb. *Dist.*
- SE'VEN*. *adj.* [reapon, Saxon.]
1. Four and three; one more than six. It is commonly used in poetry as one syllable.
Let ev'ry man be master of his time
'Till *seven* at night. *Shaksp. Macbeth.*
Of every clean beast thou shalt take to thee by *sevens*. *Gen.*
Pharmis, king of the Medes, it is said, he overthrew and
cruelly murdered, with his *seven* children. *Racib.*
Sev'n bullocks, yet unyok'd, for Phœbus chuse;
And for Diana *sev'n* unspotted ewes. *Dryden's Æn.*
- SE'VENFOLD*. *adj.* [*seven* and *fold*.] Repeated seven times;
having seven doubles.
Upon this dreadful beast with *sevenfold* head,
He fet the false Duella for more awe and dread. *Fa. Quen.*
The *sevenfold* shield of Ajax cannot keep
The battery from my heart. *Shaksp. Ant. and Cleop.*
Not for that lily old morality,
That as these links were knit, our loves should be,
Mourn I, that I thy *sevenfold* chain have lost,
Nor for the luck's sake, but the bitter cost. *Donne.*
What if the breath that kindled those grim fires
Awak'd, should blow them into *sevenfold* rage. *Milton.*
Fair queen,
Who sway'd the sceptre of the Pharian isle,
And *sevenfold* falls of disemboguing Nile. *Dryden.*
- SE'VENFOLD*. *adv.* Seven times.
Whofoever slayeth Cain, vengeance shall be taken on him
sevenfold. *Gen. iv. 15.*
- SE'VENNIGHT*. *n. f.* [*seven* and *night*.]
1. A week; the time from one day of the week to the next day
of the same denomination preceding or following; a week,
numbered according to the practice of the old northern na-
tions, as in *feriis*.
Rome was either more grateful to the beholders, or more
noble in itself, than just with the sword and lance, main-
tained for a *sevensnight* together. *Sidney.*
Iago's footing here anticipates our thoughts
A *sevensnight's* speed. *Shak. Othello.*
Shining woods, laid in a dry room, within a *sevensnight* lost
their shining. *Bacon's Natural History.*
2. We use still the word *sevensnight* or *sevensnight* in computing
time: as, it happened on Monday was *sevensnight*, that is, on
the Monday before last Monday; it will be done on Monday
sevensnight, that is, on the Monday after next Monday.
This comes from one of those untucker'd ladies whom you
were so sharp upon on Monday was *sevensnight*. *Aldif.*
- SE'VENCORE*. *adj.* [*seven* and *core*.] Seven times twenty; an
hundred and forty.
The old counsellors of Desmond, who lived till she was *sevens-
core* years old, did dentire twice or thrice; calling her old
teeth, and others coming in their place. *Bacon.*
- SEVENTEEN*. *adj.* [reopontyne, Saxon.] Seven and ten; se-
ven added to ten.
- SEVENTENTH*. *adj.* [reopontopa, Saxon.] The seventh af-
ter the tenth; the ordinal of seventeen.
In the six hundredth year of Noah's life, the second month,
the *seventeenth* day, were all the fountains of the great deep
broken up. *Gen. vii. 11.*
The conquest of Ireland was perfected by the king in the
seventeenth year of his reign. *Judge Hale.*
- SEVENTH*. *adj.* [reopopa, Saxon.] The ordinal of seven;
the first after the sixth.
The child born in the *seventh* month doth commonly
well. *Bacon.*
So Pharaoh, or some greater king than he,
Provided for the *seventh* necessity:
Taught from above his magazines to frame;
That famine was prevented e'er it came. *Dryd.*
2. Containing one part in *seven*.
Thy air is like the first:
A third is like the former. Filthy hags!
Why do you shew me this? A fourth? Start, eye!
What! will the line stretch to the crack of doom?
Another yet? A *seventh*? I'll see no more. *Shaksp.*
- SEVENTHLY*. *adv.* [From *seventh*.] In the seventh place; an
ordinal adverb.
Seventhly, living bodies have sense, which plants have
not. *Bacon.*

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- SE'VENTIETH*. *adj.* [From *seventy*.] The tenth seven times re-
peated; the ordinal of seventy.
- SE'VENTY*. *adj.* [Handycopontez, Saxon.] Seven times ten.
Worthy Marcius,
Had we no quarrel else to Rome, but that
Thou art thence banish'd, we would master all,
From twelve to *seventy*. *Shaksp. Cor. d. m.*
We call not that death immature, if a man lives till *se-
venty*. *Taylor.*
The weight of *seventy* winters prest him down,
He bent beneath the burthen of a crown. *Dryd.*
In the Hebrew, there is a particle consisting but of one
single letter, of which there are reckoned up *seventy* several
significations. *Lacks.*
- To *SE'VER*. *v. a.* [*severer*, French; *separe*, Latin.]
1. To part by violence from the rest.
Forgetful queen, who *severed* that bright head,
Which charm'd two mighty monarchs to her bed. *Genoa.*
2. To divide; to part; to force asunder.
They are not so far disjointed and *severed*, but that they
come at length to meet. *Hooker.*
Fortune, divorce
Pomp from the bearer, 'tis a sufficient pang,
As soul and body's *severing*. *Shaksp. Hen. VIII.*
Our force by land
Hath nobly held; our *sever'd* navy too
Have knit again, and float. *Shaksp. Ant. and Cleop.*
What thou art is mine:
Our state cannot be *sever'd*, we are one,
One flesh; to lose thee were to lose myself. *Milton.*
3. To separate; to put in different orders or places.
The angels shall *sever* the wicked from among the just. *Mat.*
He, with his guide, the farther fields attain'd;
Where *sever'd* from the rest the warrior souls remain'd. *Dryd.*
4. To separate by chemical operation.
This axiom is of large extent, and would be *severed* and
refined by trial. *Bacon.*
5. To disjoin, to disunite.
Look, love, what envious freaks
Do lace the *severing* clouds in yonder east. *Shaksp.*
How stiff is my vile sense,
That I stand up and have ingenious feeling
Of my huge sorrows! better I were distract;
So should my thoughts be *sever'd* from my griefs;
And woes by wrong imaginations, lose
The knowledge of themselves. *Shaksp.*
The medical virtues lodge in some one or other of its prin-
ciples, and may therefore usefully be fought for in that prin-
ciple *sever'd* from the others. *Boyle.*
6. To keep distinct; to keep apart.
Three glorious suns, each one a perfect sun;
Not separated with the racking clouds,
But *sever'd* in a pale clear shining sky.
I will *sever* Goshen, that no swarms of flies shall be
there. *Exod. viii. 22.*
- To *SE'VER*. *v. n.* To make a separation; to make a partition.
The Lord shall *sever* between the cattle of Israel and of
Egypt. *Exod. ix. 4.*
There remains so much religion, as to know how to *sever*
between the use and abuse of things. *K. Charles.*
Better from me thou *sever* not. *Milton.*
- SE'VERAL*. *adj.* [from *sever*.]
1. Different; distinct; unlike one another.
Divers sorts of benefits came from *several* parts to drink; and
so being refreshed, fall to couple, and many times with *se-
veral* kinds. *Bacon's Nat. Hist.*
The conquest of Ireland was made piece and piece, by *se-
veral* attempts, in *several* ages. *Darwin's Hist. of Ireland.*
Four *several* armies to the field are led. *Dryd.*
Which high in equal hopes four princes head.
2. Divers; many. It is used in any number not large, and more
than two.
This country is large, having in it many people, and *seve-
ral* kingdoms. *Albani's Description of the World.*
This elfe to *several* spheres thou must ascribe. *Milton.*
We might have repaired the losses of one campaign by the
advantages of another, and after *several* victories gained over
us, might have still kept the enemy from our gates. *Aldif.*
3. Particular; single.
Each *several* ship a victory did gain,
As Rupert, or as Albemarle were there. *Dryd.*
4. Distinct; appropriate.
The parts and passages of state are so many, as to express
them fully, would require a *several* treatise. *Darwin's Hist.*
Like things to like, the rest to *several* place
disparted. *Milton.*
Each might his *several* province well command,
Would all but stoop to what they understand. *Pope.*
- SE'VERAL*. *n. f.* [from the *adj.*]
1. A state of separation; or partition. This substantive has a plu-
ral. *Morse.*

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- More profit is quieter found
Where pastures in *several* be,
Of one silly aker of ground.
Than champion maketh of three. *Tusser, Husband.*
2. Each particular singly taken.
This by fine *severals*
Of head piece extraordinary, lower messes
Perchance are to this business purblind.
There was not time enough to hear
The *severals*. *Shaksp.*
That will appear to be a methodical successive observation
of these *severals*, as degrees and steps preparative the one
to the other. *Hammond's Fundamentals.*
Severals of them neither rose from any conspicuous family,
nor left any behind them. *Addison's Freeholder.*
3. An inclosed or separate place.
They had their *several* for heathen nations, their *several*
for the people of their own nation, their *several* for men, their
several for women, their *several* for their priests, and for the
high priest alone their *several*. *Hooker.*
4. Inclosed ground.
There was a nobleman that was lean of visage, but imme-
diately after his marriage he grew pretty plump and fat. One
said to him, your lordship doth contrary to other married men;
for they at first wax lean, and you wax fat. Sir Walter Ra-
leigh stood by and said, there is no beast, that if you take him
from the common, and put him into the *severals*, but will wax
fat. *Bacon.*
- SE'VERALLY*. *adv.* [from *several*.] Distinctly; particularly;
separately; apart from others.
Consider angels each of them *severally* in himself, and their
law is, all ye his angels praise him. *Hooker.*
Nature and scripture, both jointly and not *severally*, either
of them, be so compleat, that unto everlasting felicity we
need not the knowledge of any thing more than these two may
easily furnish our minds with. *Hooker.*
Th'ap'les could not be confin'd
To these or those, but *severally* design'd
Their large commission round the world to blow. *Dryd.*
We ought not so much to love likeness as beauty, and
to chuse from the fairest bodies *severally* the fairest parts. *Dryd.*
Others were so very small and close together, that I could
not keep my eye stedily on them *severally* so as to number
them. *Newt. Opt.*
- SE'VERALTY*. *n. f.* [from *several*.] State of separation from the rest.
The jointure or advancement of the lady was the third part
of the principality of Wales, the dukedom of Cornwall, and
certain of Cheshire, to be set forth in *severalty*. *Bacon.*
Having considered the apertions in *severalty*, according to
their particular requisites, I am now come to the casting and
contexture of the whole work. *Watson.*
- SE'VERANCE*. *n. f.* [from *sever*.] Separation; partition.
Those rivers enclose a neck of land, in regard of his fruit-
fulness, not unworthy of a *severance*. *Carver's Survey of Cornwall.*
- SE'VERE*. *n. f.* [*severe*, French; *severus*, Latin.]
1. Sharp; apt to punish; censorious; apt to blame; hard; rigorous.
Let your zeal, if it must be expressed in anger, be always
more *severe* against thy self than against others. *Taylor.*
Soon mov'd with touch of blame, thus Eve:
What words have pass'd thy lips, Adam *severe*? *Milton.*
What made the church of Alexandria be so *severe* with
Origen for holding the incense in his hands, which those
about him call from thence upon the altar? yet for this he
was cast out of the church. *Stillingfleet.*
Am I upbraided? not enough *severe*
It seems, in thy restraint. *Milton.*
In his looks serene,
When angry most he seem'd and most *severe*,
What elfe but favour shone? *Milton.*
Nor blame *severe* his choice,
Warbling the Grecian woes. *Pope's Odyssey.*
2. Cruel; inexorable.
His *severe* wrath shall he sharpen for a sword. *Wisd.*
3. Regulated by rigid rules; strict.
Truth, wisdom, sanctitude, *severe* and pure,
Severe, but in true liberal freedom plac'd. *Milton.*
4. Exempt from all levity of appearance; grave; sober; sedate.
Your looks must alter, as your subject does,
From kind to fierce, from wanton to *severe*. *Waller.*
5. Not lax; not airy; close; strictly methodical; rigidly exact.
His grave rebuke
Sees in youthful beauty, a ided grace. *Milton.*
Then beauty I leave it rather to the delicate wit of poets,
than venture upon so nice a subject with my *severer* style. *Morse.*
6. Close; concise; not luxuriant.
The Latin, a most *severe* and compendious language, often
expresses that in one word, which modern tongues cannot in
more. *Dryden.*
These piercing fires as fast as now *severe*. *Milton.*
7. Painfully; afflictively.

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- We have waded our strength to attain on is different from
those for which we undertook the war, and often to effect
others which after a peace, we may *severely* repent. *Swift.*
2. Ferociously; horribly.
More formidable Hydra stands within;
Whose jaws with iron teeth *severely* grin. *Dryd.*
- SE'VERITY*. *n. f.* [*severitas*, Latin.]
1. Cruel treatment; sharpness of punishment.
I laugh to see your ladyship so fond,
To think that you have ought but Talbot's shadow
Whercon to practise your *severity*. *Shaksp.*
He shall be thrown down the Tarpeian rock
With rigorous hands; he hath relisted law,
And therefore law shall scorn him further trial
Than the *severity* of publick power,
Which he so sets at naught. *Shaksp. Coriolanus.*
Never were so great rebellions expiated with so little blood,
as for the *severity* used upon those taken in Kent, it was but
upon a scum of people. *Bacon.*
There is a difference between an ecclesiastical censure and
severity; for under a censure we only include excommunica-
tion, suspension, and an interdiction; but under an ecclesiastical
severity, every other punishment of the church is intended; but
according to some, a censure and a *severity* is the same. *Aylmer.*
2. Hardness; power of distressing.
Thou hast nature hath given insects sagacity to avoid the win-
ter cold, yet its *severity* finds them out. *Hale's Orig. of Man.*
3. Strictness; rigid accuracy.
Confining myself to the *severity* of truth, becoming, I must
pass over many instances of your military skill. *Dryd.*
4. Rigour; austerity; harshness; want of mildness; want of
indulgence.
SE'VERATION. *n. f.* [*severus*, Latin.] The act of calling aside.
To *SE'VE*. for *sever*. *Sever*. To follow.
- To *SE'VE*. *v. n.* [*sever*, Latin.] To any thing by the use of the
needle.
A time to rent and a time to *sever*. *Ecc. iii. 7.*
To *SE'VE*. *v. a.* To join by threads drawn with a needle.
No man *severeth* a piece of new cloth on an old gar-
ment. *Mark. ii. 21.*
- To *SE'VE*. *v. n.* To inclose in any thing sewed.
If ever I laid loose bodied gown, *sew* me up in the skirts
of it. *Shaksp. Lear's Taming of the Shrew.*
My transgression is sealed up in a bag, and thou *sewest* up
mine iniquity. *Job. xiv. 17.*
- To *SE'VE*. *v. a.* To drain a pond for the fish. *Ascham.*
- SE'WER*. *v. n.* [*sewer*, French; or *asseur*, old French;
from *seuer*, to set down; for those officers set the dishes on
the table. *Newton's Milton.*]
1. An officer who serves up a feast.
Marshall'd feast,
Serv'd up in hall with *sewers* and fencibles:
The skill of artifice or office mean. *Milt.*
The cook and *sewer*, each his talent tries,
In various figures scenes of dishes rise:
2. [From *sewer*, *sewer*.] *sewer*. A passage for water to run
through, now corrupted to *sewer*.
The fennmen hold that the *sewers* must be kept so, as the
water may not stay too long in the spring till the weeds and
sedge be grown up. *Bacon.*
Men fuller their private in judgment to be drawn into the
common *sewer*, or stream of the present vogue. *K. Charles.*
As one who long in populous city pent,
Where houses thick, and *sewers* annoy the air,
Forth issuing on a summer's morn, to breathe
Among the pleasant villages and farms
Adjoin'd, from each thing met conceives delight. *Milt.*
3. He that uses a needle.
SEX. *n. f.* [*sex*, French; *sextus*, Latin.]
1. The property by which any animal is male or female.
These two great *sexes* animate the world. *Milton.*
Under his forming hands a creature grew,
Manlike, but different *sex*. *Milton.*
2. Womanhood; by way of emphasis.
Unhappy *sex*! whose beauty is your snare;
Expos'd to trials; made too frail to bear. *Dryd.*
Shame is hard to be overcome; but if the *sex* once get the
better of it, it gives them afterwards no more trouble. *Carth.*
- SEX'AGENARY*. *adj.* [*sexagenarius*, French; *sexagenarius*, Latin.]
Aged sixty years.
- SEX'AGESIMA*. *n. f.* [Latin.] The second Sunday before Lent.
- SEX'AGESIMAL*. *adj.* [from *sexagesima*, Latin.] Sixtieth;
numbered by sixties.
- SEX'ANGLED*. *adj.* [from *sex* and *angular*, Latin.] Having
SEX'ANGULAR. *adj.* six corners or angles; hexagonal.
Snow *sexangular*, at least of flarry and many pointed figure.
The grubs from their *sex-angular* abode
Crawl out unfinish'd like the maggot's brood. *Dryd.*
- SEX'ANGULARLY*. *adv.* [from *sex angular*.] With six angles;
hexagonally.
- SEX'ENNIAL*. *adj.* [*sex* and *ennis*, Latin.] Lasting six years;
happening once in six years.